

## Message Text

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TAGS: ECON, TU  
SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REPORTS U.S. STATEMENTS ON ECONOMIC EMBARGO

1. ARTICLE IN MARCH 25 ISSUE OF GUNAYDIN (SENSATIONALIST  
--486,000) REPORTED USG SECRETARY OF TREASURY MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL'S  
STATEMENT DENYING EXISTENCE OF ANY U.S. ECONOMIC EMBARGO  
AGAINST TURKEY. ARTICLE QUOTES BLUMENTHAL AS STATING THAT,  
"THERE ARE CHARGES THAT AMERICA IS PRESSURING TURKEY TO GRANT  
CONCESSIONS IN CYPRUS BY MEANS OF IMF INTERVENTION. THESE  
CHARGES ARE ENTIRELY GROUNDLESS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THERE IS  
PROOF OF THIS IN THE SIGNING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE  
MONETARY FUND AND TURKEY."

2. CUMHURIYET (LEFTIST -- 93,000) OF MARCH 27 QUOTED  
GOT FINANCE MINISTER ZIYA MUEZZINOGLU AS STATING IN PARIS  
INTERVIEW THAT, "IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION FOR THE U.S.  
ADMINISTRATION OR CONGRESS TO IMPLEMENT AN ECONOMIC EMBARGO  
ALONG WITH THEIR WEAPONS EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY."

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS GRATIFIED THAT MUEZZINOGLU  
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HAS MADE SUCH A DEFINITIVE STATEMENT CONCERNING THE  
ALLEGED U.S. ECONOMIC EMBARGO AND THAT THE TURKISH PRESS  
IS HELPING SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.  
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